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TOPIC Quartering Area of the 7th Gds Mech Div Including Army Troops of theFourth Gds Mech Army and Elements of the 32d AAA Div (US)ORIGIN PLACE OBTAINED

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REMARKS

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Information.

1. On 14 June 1954, the Pioneer Kaserne Fuerstenwalde, was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. On 9 June, several T-34/85 tanks engaged in driving practice at the large drill ground. There was no training in the barracks area between late May and mid-June.

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2. On 16 June, the Pioneer Kaserne was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 200 soldiers received field training in the tank training area and one T-34 tank and one T-34/85 tank were seen in the barracks yard. The main gate was closed and boarded up.

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3. On 14 June, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse Fuerstenwalde, was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. On 25 May, 6 trucks and about 20 soldiers in formation were seen in the barracks yard. Reports of artillery and carbines were heard from the training area southwest of the installation. No other training was observed between late May and mid-June.

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4. On 16 June, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the soldiers wore artillery insignia. On 25 May, approximately 5 rocket launchers were parked in the installation. Their superstructure was considerably shorter than that of previously observed rocket launchers. The driver's cab was about 1 meter from the guide rails which were covered by tarpaulins. Approximately 90 soldiers, who were armed with rifles, marched to the wooden area near the installation. On 16 June, 60 soldiers practiced firing at the firing range and another 20 to 30 soldiers constructed 2 sheds in the wooded area between the barracks area and the Suroe River

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5. [redacted] 25X1
6. On 25 May, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne [redacted] was occupied by about 700 to 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. No heavy weapons or training were observed. The radio station appeared to be unchanged. [redacted] 25X1
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7. On 25 May, the barracks installation on the road to Rauhen [redacted] was occupied by a guard detail of approximately 80 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The installation was presumably used as a depot. 25X1
8. On 2 June, the Artillerie Kaserne [redacted] Frankfurt/Oder, was occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport and signal insignia. On 20 May, an undetermined number of soldiers drilled with 4 x 85-mm AA guns in the barracks yard. Between 25 May and 2 June, 37-mm and 85-mm AA guns were seen in the barracks area and 16 canvas-covered guns were seen near the garages. On 25 May, about 200 soldiers drilled in the yard and, on 28 May, about 120 soldiers armed with carbines and submachine guns left the installation toward Westkreuz. They returned at about 1730. On 2 June, a column of 8 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns and 2 trucks occupied by officers and EM left the installation toward Buschmuehlenweg. [redacted] 25X1
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9. On 31 May, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 16 May, approximately 60 soldiers engaged in march practice in the barracks yard and, on 22 May, about 180 soldiers left toward the culture house in the town. [redacted] 25X1
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10. On 31 May, the Buelow Kaserne [redacted] was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Ten 57-mm and 76.2-mm AT guns were parked in the barracks yard. On 14 May, T-34 tank No 320 left the installation toward Westkreuz. On 27 May, approximately 120 soldiers armed with submachine guns and carbines and carrying practice targets marched to the firing range toward Rosengarten. 25X1
11. On 31 May, the Hindenburg Kaserne [redacted] was occupied by approximately 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 11 and 31 May, there was no training. [redacted] 25X1
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12. On 31 May, the Horn Kaserne [redacted] was occupied. On 17 May, JS-1 tank [redacted] left the installation toward Markendorf. There was no training on 31 May. [redacted] 25X1
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13. On 31 May, the Ziethen Kaserne was occupied by approximately 75 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 11 and 31 May, no training was conducted. Six tanks were seen in the yard.
14. On 31 May, the Eichhorn Kaserne [redacted] was occupied by approximately 75 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 11 and 31 May, there was no training. [redacted] 25X1
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15. On 8 May, soldiers wearing coveralls unloaded parcels from trucks in Eichhorn Kaserne. The parcels were carried into a shed the doors of which were subsequently locked and sealed. Sentries were posted in front of the shed. [redacted] similar unloadings were repeatedly observed. 25X1
16. On 7 June, the Reiter Kaserne [redacted] Beeskow, was occupied by only a guard detail. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Officers' dependents were quartered in the town as previously. 25X1
17. On 14 June, the Wuhlheide cantonment south of the Karlshorst racecourse [redacted] Berlin, was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. A brick building was under construction in the southwest section of the installation. The southernmost of the 4 motor vehicle sheds in the northwest section and the northwesternmost of the 10 vehicle sheds in the southwest section of the camp were occupied by 10 tanks each. At 1730 on 8 June, 5 buses [redacted] left the camp. The buses carried baggage and were occupied by air force officers and women wearing civilian clothes. Although the buses appeared to have passed through the camp only, they were very heavily covered with dust. 25X1
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18. On 20 June, the Wuhlheide cantonment south of the Karlshorst racecourse was occupied by approximately 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia and, a few, wearing black-bordered black epaulets. On 18 June, approximately 8 trucks, including 1 trucks towing a 57-mm AT gun, 3 jeeps and ambulance [redacted] entered the camp. The vehicles were occupied by soldiers who presumably returned from an exercise. On 17 June, a night exercise was held in the Wuhlheide. Four T-34/85 tanks, 6 trucks [redacted] and 1 jeep participated in the exercise. On another day, an undetermined number of soldiers received instruction on 2 x 120-mm mortars. Approximately 30 tanks were seen in the sheds on Treskow Allee as previously. [redacted] 25X1
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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the 312th Gds RL Bgt of the Fourth Gds Mech Army in Fuerstenwalde until 16 March 1954. 25X1
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2. [redacted] Comment. Observations [redacted] confirm information according to which detachments of the air force probably participated in the Whitson rally in East Berlin. 25X1
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3. [redacted] Comment. This information confirms the absence from the Fuerstenwalde, Frankfurt/Oder and Beeskow posts of units of the 7th Gds Mech Div. [redacted] the 24th Gds Mech Bgt at Berlin-Karlshorst and the 32d AAA Div at Frankfurt/Oder are confirmed in their quarters until 20 and 2 June respectively. 25X1
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